

Amendment.

## **CLAIM REJECTIONS**

### **DISTINCTIONS OF THE CLAIMED PRESENT INVENTION OVER THE PRIOR ART**

The arguments presented in the Response submitted May 10, 2002 are incorporated herein. Further, Cahill is completely silent on and cannot fairly suggest "a creating unit which creates a single review result information based on the collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of evaluations and/or comments have been stored in said memory unit" (amended claim 1, emphasis added). Further, Cahill and Mahmood are completely silent on and cannot fairly suggest "a creating unit which creates statistical data relating to the collected evaluated and/or comments when a predetermined number of evaluation and/or comments from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit" (amended claim 2, emphasis added).

The Applicants respectfully assert that the relied upon references are not adequate documentary evidence and lack substantial evidence to support the rejections. Further, the Applicants, respectfully request withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action.

Independent claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are amended to clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the claimed present invention. In contrast to the relied upon references, the present invention (using the recitation of amended claim 1 as an example) provides:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A document review apparatus comprising:
  - a communication unit connected to a network [for]and performing communication with other devices;
  - a memory unit;
  - a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding [a review result] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form [to be] reviewed by reviewers;
  - a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding [a review result]evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as [review result information]collected evaluations and/or comments in said memory unit; and
  - a creating unit which creates a single review result information based on the [review result information]collected

evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of  
[review result information]evaluations and/or comments have been  
stored in said memory unit.

**CONCLUSION**

Dependent claims 3-5 (depending, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1) are at least patentably distinguishing due to their dependencies from independent claim 1.

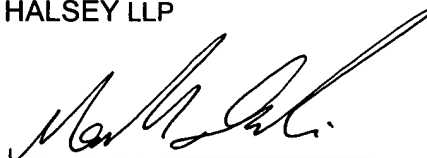
In view of the amendments and remarks presented above, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10 and allowance of claims 1-10 is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are **AMENDED** as follows.

Recitation of all pending claims is provided for reference convenience.

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A document review apparatus comprising:
  - a communication unit connected to a network [for]and performing communication with other devices;
  - a memory unit;
  - a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding [a review result] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form [to be] reviewed by reviewers;
  - a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding [a review result]evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as [review result information]collected evaluations and/or comments in said memory unit; and
  - a creating unit which creates a single review result information based on the [review result information]collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of [review result information]evaluations and/or comments have been stored in said memory unit.
2. (ONCE AMENDED) A document review apparatus comprising:
  - a communication unit connected to a network [for]and performing communication with other devices;
  - a first memory unit which stores a reviewed form which is to be reviewed by a plurality of reviewers;
  - a second memory unit;
  - a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding [a review result] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form [to be] reviewed by the reviewers;
  - a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding [a review result] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as [review result information] collected evaluations and/or comments in said second memory unit;
  - a creating unit which creates statistical data relating to the [review result information]

collected evaluated and/or comments when a predetermined number of [review result information] evaluation and/or comments from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit; and

an updating unit which updates the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.

3. (AS UNAMENDED) The document review apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a notification unit which notifies the plurality of reviewers that a reviewed form to be reviewed is stored in said first memory unit; and

a transmission unit which, when information having a predetermined format and comprising address information has been received by said communication unit, uses said communication unit to transmit information which corresponds to the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit to a device identified by said address information.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) The document review apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a display unit [for] displaying textual information; and

an input unit [for] inputting commands, wherein

said updating unit including,

a display control unit which allows said display unit to display the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit in a format enabling an update result using statistical data created by said creating unit to be understood; and

a contents updating unit which updates the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit based on a command which is input via said input unit while said display control unit is controlling the display.

5. (AS UNAMENDED) The document review apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

a second display control unit which allows said display unit to display a graph based on the statistical data created by said creating unit.

6. (ONCE AMENDED) A document review system comprising:

a plurality of document review apparatuses; and

a network which connects said plurality of document review apparatuses, wherein each [of said] document review apparatus [including]comprises,

a communication unit connected to a network [for] and performing communication with other devices;

a memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding [a review result] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form [to be] reviewed by reviewers;

a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding [a review result] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as [review result information] collected evaluations and/or comments in said memory unit; and

a creating unit which creates a single review result information based on the [review result information] collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of [review result information] evaluations and/or comments have been stored in said memory unit.

7. (ONCE AMENDED) A document review system comprising:

a plurality of document review apparatuses; and

a network which connects said plurality of document review apparatuses, wherein each [of said] document review apparatus [including]comprises,

a communication unit connected to a network [for]and performing communication with other devices;

a first memory unit which stores a reviewed form which is to be reviewed by a plurality of reviewers;

a second memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding [a review result] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form [to be] reviewed by the reviewers;

a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding [a review result of] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as [review result information] collected evaluations and/or comments in said second memory unit;

a creating unit which creates statistical data relating to the [review result information] collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of [review result

information] evaluations and/or comments from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit; and

an updating unit which updates the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium which stores programs [for] allowing a computer to operate as a document review apparatus, said document review apparatus including,

a communication unit connected to a network [for] and performing communication with other devices;

a memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding [a review result] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form [to be] reviewed by reviewer;

a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding [a review result] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as [review result information] collected evaluations and/or comments in said memory unit; and

a creating unit which creates a single review result information based on the [review result information] collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of [review result information] evaluations and/or comments have been stored in said memory unit.

9. (ONCE AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium which stores programs [for] allowing a computer to operate as a document review apparatus, said document review apparatus including,

a communication unit connected to a network [for] and performing communication with other devices;

a first memory unit which stores a reviewed form which is to be reviewed by a plurality of reviewers;

a second memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding [a review result] evaluations and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form to be reviewed;

a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the

determination unit to be information holding [a review result] evaluation and/or comments relating to contents of a reviewed form, as [review result information] collected evaluations and/or comments in said second memory unit;

a creating unit which creates statistical data relating to the [review result information] collected evaluations and/or comments when a predetermined number of [review result information] evaluations and/or comments from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit; and

an updating unit which updates the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.

10. (ONCE AMENDED) A computer system, comprising:

a programmed processor to store a document, to transmit the document to users that review the document via a network, to receive document [review results] evaluations and/or comments from the users via the network, to generate statistical data based upon the [review results] evaluations and/or comments, and to update the document based upon the statistical data.